Neelam and other Projects in Bombay off-shore

369. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with Neelam and other Projects in the Bombay off-shore taking shape, the production of crude oil in 1994-95 is expected to be 19.81 million tonnes which will mean an increase of 4.70 million tonnes more over the current year's target, according to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost involved in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of other projects in Bombay off-shore expected to be taken up by Government in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated total Cost of the oil field development projects under implementation is around Rs. 11,650 crores.

(c) The South Heera Phase-II development project is also expected to be taken up during the current plan.

Privatisation of the Maintenance of Railway Stations

370. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the maintenance and related activities at 82 major railway station in the country;

(b) whether Government are also proposing to hand over the job of sales and collection of tickets to private parties at several stations in UP and Bihar sector, where it is finding it difficult to ensure adequate security measures to check ticketless travel;

(c) if so, the rationals behind this privatisation from Railways' financial and operational angles;

(d) whether any guidelines had been issued by Government about the terms and conditions for appointing private agencies for handling these jobs and remuneration payable to them by way of giving them commission on tickets, etc.; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) With the objective of better beautification / cleanliness and increasing revenue from commercial advertisement, contract at five stations i.e., 4 on Western Railway and one on S.E. Railway has been given to parties who will have exclusive rights for commercial advertisment at that station as per the criteria laid down by the railway administration with the prior approval of the competent authority. The contractor will beautify the station by painting walls of platform, roof, main building, besides undertaking maintenance of the station.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) So far as the beautification/ maintenance and commercial publicity is concerned, the contractor has the sole right for exhibiting prescribed number of commercial advertisements with the prior approval of the competent authority and in lieu of that they have to undertake painting, cleaning, maintenance and beautification of the station in addition to paying a lumpsum fee for the commercial advertisement.